

## "NEXT FRIENDS" FILE WITHDRAWAL IN THE EDDY SUIT

Masters Notified That Sensational Action Has Been Formally Discontinued.

LIKELY TO ATTACK ANEW

With Evidence So Far Obtained Tangible Results Seem Sure in Another Move.

CONCORD, N. H., Aug. 21.—The famous suit in equity brought on March 1 last by George W. Glover, son of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, and others as "next friends" against Calvin St. Frey and others, to secure an accounting of the property of the aged founder and head of the Christian Science Church came to an abrupt end to-day.

Immediately after the opening of court in the continued hearing regarding Mrs. Eddy's competency before Judge Edgar Aldrich and his co-masters, William E. Chandler, senior counsel for the next friends, announced that counsel for the next friends had filed with the clerk of the court a motion for the dismissal of the suit.

**Many Reasons for Action.**  
This was the second day of the second week of the masters' hearing upon the competency of Mrs. Eddy. Upon the masters taking their seats, William E. Chandler, senior counsel for the next friends, addressed the court, saying:

"May it please the Court, it will doubtless be a relief to the masters to be informed that counsel for the next friends have this day filed with the clerk of the court a motion for the dismissal of the pending suit and that they hereby withdraw their appearance before the Masters without asking from them and ending upon the question submitted to them by Judge Chamberlain.

"There are many reasons for this action. The principal one arises from a consideration of the unreasonableness of any immediate result of a decision in our favor upon the exact issue as now framed: compared with the burdens and disadvantages to be endured by her both before and after such a decision.

"The suit has been almost wholly altruistic in its nature and not a single dollar of the large fortune whose existence is disclosed, or which might be enlarged in consequence of this suit, can become at this time the property of the next friends.

"There are also reasons, sentimental in their character, overcoming the strong desire of the next friends to prove the facts and vindicate the reputation upon which the suit has been based, which however, is now merely dismissed.

Mr. Chandler then formally presented a motion for the dismissal of the suit.

**Mrs. Eddy's Lawyer Objects.**  
Mr. Streeter, counsel for Mrs. Eddy, in her behalf, at once objected to the motion and determined her competency to make her business affairs.

"If we are allowed to proceed," said Mr. Streeter, "we would show you that Mrs. Eddy is not only sane but that she is capable of managing her property for the rest of her life and to provide for her kindred during that time."

"Not one word of testimony has been introduced," he said, "to show that one dollar of Mrs. Eddy's money has been misappropriated. The charge of her incompetency has completely collapsed."

"It is now stated in the press that the next friends will abandon this suit for the purpose of awaiting Mrs. Eddy's death and then contesting the will. This is a legal right to a finding of her competency upon the case as it now stands, or upon such further evidence as may be introduced."

**Will Report Court.**  
Mr. Streeter demanded from the masters a finding to that effect. Judge Aldrich said the issue submitted to them was purely a property question. He continued:

"The next friends having withdrawn from this hearing and announced that they will withdraw the suit from Superior Court, there is nothing left for me to hear and do. I think we should be justified in going forward with an ex-parte hearing."

"We still claim that it is our duty to make Chamberlain containing all the evidence and the hearing of to-day. In view of the fact that the next friends are in a position to respect the order of the court and to direct us to resume the hearing."

"Without such order we do not think we should be bound in going forward with this hearing."

In reply to a question by Judge Aldrich, Mr. Streeter said he would take exception to the hearing.

**May Bring New Action.**  
Ever since the examination of Mrs. Eddy by the masters, there have been rumors that the suit of the "next friends" would be withdrawn. It was stated, however, that if withdrawn it is certain that it will only mean a change of front and that a new plan of attack will be prepared immediately.

The "next friends" equity action, it was declared to-day, has ended without compromise or settlement. No concessions have been made by either side.

## POLICE REPORT TO MAYOR PROVING CRIME WAVE.

Here are the figures covering the crime wave season—July 15 to Aug. 15—furnished by the police to Mayor McClellan, compared with similar cases in 1906:

Arrested for crimes	1907.	1906.
Against women	62	29
Rapes reported	33	27
Attempted rapes reported	31	3
Rapes admitted by the police	35	22
Convictions	6	5
Cases pending	29	9
Cases dismissed	18	16

## POLICE PROVE CRIME WAVE BY OFFICIAL REPORT

Acting Commissioner Hands Figures to Mayor, Who Makes Them Public.

Mayor McClellan to-day received from Acting Police Commissioner O'Keefe a report on the crime against women and children during the existence of the crime wave in this city. The figures show a much larger number of offenses of this character than was reported last year.

The Mayor had suggested a comparison of the figures for a month of 1906 with a month of 1907, and Commissioner O'Keefe chose the period of July 15 to Aug. 15. The report showed that the police themselves admit a great increase in such attacks, even allowing for the gain in population during the year.

**Show Mayor Was Wrong.**  
Mr. O'Keefe refused to give out the figures, putting it up to the Mayor, who had made the declaration that the so-called crime wave was mostly hysteria that had little foundation in fact. Mr. McClellan gave out the list to-day without comment, the figures showing that he was mistaken.

The totals for this year which the police play up the strongest are the arrests, showing great police activity not borne out in the conviction. The total of sixty-two arrests this year, as compared with twenty-nine last year, indicates that some cause for police activity must exist. The tabulated list of the thirty-one days in the 1906 and 1907 carries out Commissioner O'Keefe's statement in discussing the list that he knew of one day last year in which the crimes against girls exceeded those on any one day this year.

On July 1, 1906, when six arrests were reported. Six assaults were reported, and of them the police admitted five were bona fide. The disposition of that day's grisly a year later shows that one case was discharged and the rest were pending.

When asked about the methods used in compiling the lists, Mr. O'Keefe was not sure that the police had marked down assaults in the cases where such assaults ended in murder. As the summer has been marked with several shocking murders accompanying such crimes—the Skifford, Boylan and Tietchler cases—it is fair to assume that the police record may have those crimes tabulated under "murders" and not rape.

**January Cotton Is Again Under Attack.**  
Another attack was made on January cotton in the market to-day, and under strong pressure that option broke to 11.57, but almost immediately rallied. Sellers of the new crop were encouraged by reports of general rains in Texas.

The opening prices were: August, 11.00; September, 11.15; October, 11.30; November, 11.45; December, 11.60; January, 11.75; February, 11.90; March, 12.05; April, 12.20; May, 12.35; June, 12.50; July, 12.65; August, 12.80; September, 12.95; October, 13.10; November, 13.25; December, 13.40; January, 13.55; February, 13.70; March, 13.85; April, 14.00; May, 14.15; June, 14.30; July, 14.45; August, 14.60; September, 14.75; October, 14.90; November, 15.05; December, 15.20; January, 15.35; February, 15.50; March, 15.65; April, 15.80; May, 15.95; June, 16.10; July, 16.25; August, 16.40; September, 16.55; October, 16.70; November, 16.85; December, 16.95; January, 17.10; February, 17.25; March, 17.40; April, 17.55; May, 17.70; June, 17.85; July, 18.00; August, 18.15; September, 18.30; October, 18.45; November, 18.60; December, 18.75; January, 18.90; February, 19.05; March, 19.20; April, 19.35; May, 19.50; June, 19.65; July, 19.80; August, 19.95; September, 20.10; October, 20.25; November, 20.40; 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